POOR RELIEF (IRELAND).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 5 February 1857;—*for*,

RETURNS "showing, by COUNTIES, the Total Number of PAUPERS (IN-DOOR and OUT-DOOR) in Receipt of RELIEF on the First Saturday of January 1856, and the First Saturday of January 1857, in the Unions in *Ireland*, specifying the Increase or Decrease in the latter as compared with the former Period:"

"Of the Total Number of PAUPERS in Receipt of RELIEF in the WORKHOUSES in each Province in *Ireland* at the Close of the First Week (ending Saturday) of January 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, and 1857, stating also the Amount of Workhouse Accommodation, the Number of Deaths in the Workhouses during the Week, the Weekly Rate of Mortality per 1,000 Inmates, and the average Weekly Cost of Maintenance per Head, exclusive of Clothing; and also, for the same Periods, a Return of the Number of Persons in Receipt of Out-door Relief, and the Total Expenditure in Out-door Relief during the Week:"

"And, of the Amount of POOR RATE Lodged, and of the Expenditure of POOR RATES in each Province in *Ireland* during the Year ended the 29th day of September 1856, in comparison with the same for the preceding Year."

Poor Law Commission Office, Dublin, 10 February 1857.

B. BANKS, Chief Clerk.

I.—RETURN showing, by Counties, the Total Number of PAUPERS (IN-DOOR and OUT-DOOR) in Receipt of RELIEF on the First Saturday of January 1856, and the First Saturday of January 1857, in UNIONS in *Ireland*, specifying the Increase or Decrease in the latter as compared with the former Period.

Names of Provinces.	Names of Counties.	No. of Unions.	No. of Electoral Divisions.	Population in 1851.	Relieved on First Saturday in January: 1856. In-door.	1856. Out-door.	1856. Total.	1857. In-door.	1857. Out-door.	1857. Total.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase or Decrease per Cent. Increase.	Decrease.
ULSTER.	Antrim	7	131	352,284	3,461	1	3,462	2,875	3	2,878	–	584	–	16·9
	Armagh	2	45	196,085	711	–	711	602	–	602	–	109	–	15·3
	Cavan	4	80	174,071	923	3	926	702	2	704	–	222	–	24·0
	Donegal	8	141	255,160	827	4	831	701	4	705	–	120	–	15·2
	Down	5	95	325,754	1,764	38	1,802	1,264	34	1,298	–	504	–	28·0
	Fermanagh	3	79	116,007	526	–	526	438	–	438	–	88	–	16·7
	Londonderry	4	88	191,808	1,070	–	1,076	930	–	930	–	140	–	13·1
	Monaghan	4	72	141,813	757	–	757	626	–	626	–	131	–	17·3
	Tyrone	7	137	255,819	1,280	3	1,283	1,025	4	1,029	–	254	–	19·8
MUNSTER.	Clare	8	133	212,426	3,477	–	3,477	2,408	1	2,409	–	1,008	–	30·7
	Cork	17	323	649,071	10,229	–	10,229	7,216	–	7,216	–	3,013	–	29·5
	Kerry	6	150	238,259	4,080	1	4,081	2,407	1	2,408	–	1,673	–	41·0
	Limerick	6	140	262,136	4,630	5	4,635	3,168	1	3,169	–	1,466	–	31·6
	Tipperary	9	188	331,487	5,997	2	5,999	4,689	2	4,691	–	1,308	–	21·8
	Waterford	4	60	164,051	2,899	48	2,945	2,079	68	2,147	–	793	–	27·1
LEINSTER.	Carlow	1	45	68,059	671	5	676	457	4	461	–	215	–	31·8
	Dublin	4	80	465,092	7,256	386	7,644	6,328	328	6,656	–	988	–	12·9
	Kildare	3	99	95,688	1,249	44	1,293	1,020	92	1,112	–	181	–	14·0
	Kilkenny	6	91	158,746	2,316	101	2,417	1,860	107	1,978	–	441	–	16·2
	King's County	3	96	112,080	1,405	10	1,415	1,263	2	1,265	–	150	–	10·8
	Longford	3	73	82,350	762	–	762	673	–	673	–	89	–	11·7
	Louth	3	44	107,657	1,294	27	1,321	983	80	1,063	–	258	–	19·5
	Meath	5	83	140,750	1,872	86	1,958	1,440	99	1,539	–	419	–	21·4
	Queen's County	3	77	111,623	800	3	803	639	3	642	–	161	–	20·0
	Westmeath	3	98	111,409	1,293	–	1,293	1,037	–	1,037	–	256	–	19·8
	Wexford	4	129	180,159	2,939	26	2,965	2,207	10	2,217	–	748	–	25·2
	Wicklow	3	79	98,978	1,324	33	1,357	1,012	43	1,055	–	302	–	22·3
CONNAUGHT.	Galway	19	210	321,831	2,605	2	2,607	1,984	5	1,989	–	618	–	23·7
	Leitrim	3	70	111,841	476	–	476	401	–	401	–	75	–	15·8
	Mayo	9	150	274,612	1,620	1	1,621	1,288	1	1,289	–	332	–	20·5
	Roscommon	4	90	173,417	1,169	9	1,178	912	16	928	–	250	–	21·2
	Sligo	3	67	128,519	563	–	563	540	1	541	–	22	–	3·9
	TOTAL, IRELAND	163	3,438	6,552,055	72,247	836	73,083	55,183	911	56,094	–	16,989	–	23·3

Note.—In the case of Unions which extend into two or more Counties, the Unions are assigned to the Counties within which their Workhouses are situated, and the whole of the Electoral Divisions in such Unions are necessarily assigned to such Counties.

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II.—RETURN of the Total Number of PAUPERS in Receipt of RELIEF in each Province in *Ireland* at the Close of the first Week (ending Saturday) of January 1649, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, and 1857.

	First Week of January.	IN-DOOR. Amount of Workhouse Accommodation.	Number of Inmates in Workhouses at the Close of the Week.	Number of Deaths in Workhouses during the Week.	Weekly Rate of Mortality per 1,000 Inmates.	Average Weekly Cost of Maintenance, exclusive of Clothing.	OUT-DOOR. Number of Persons in Receipt of Out-door Relief.	Total Expenditure in Out-door Relief during the Week.
						s. d.		£. *s. d.*
ULSTER	1849	47,006	38,809	261	6·0	1 6	12,104	261 19 9
	1850	49,577	31,676	88	2·7	1 –¾	570	12 17 6
	1851	47,307	22,949	76	6·6	1 –¼	33	1 2 8
	1852	45,318	17,413	84	3·7	1 1¼	18	– 14 4
	1853	44,291	14,982	51	8·4	1 2½	89	4 9 10
	1854	44,209	11,293	68	5·8	1 9¼	27	2 11 10
	1855	44,139	11,890	60	5·0	1 10½	34	6 13 9
	1856	43,995	11,319	48	4·2	2 –	49	5 1 11
	1857	44,105	9,163	35	3·8	1 11¾	47	4 17 6
MUNSTER	1849	81,952	79,915	670	8·3	1 2¾	228,339	8,000 9 –
	1850	103,144	37,019	391	4·5	1 –	73,398	1,478 17 5
	1851	131,653	107,137	365	3·4	– 11½	73	2 6 1
	1852	134,659	86,155	182	2·1	– 11¾	1,257	32 13 11
	1853	110,023	70,483	133	1·9	1 –¼	894	23 1 4
	1854	95,958	49,891	156	3·1	1 6	28	1 5 5
	1855	85,458	38,333	103	2·7	1 8¾	19	– 12 –
	1856	78,441	31,312	72	2·3	1 10¾	54	1 17 2
	1857	73,076	21,967	57	2·6	1 11¼	76	2 13 4
LEINSTER	1849	44,469	42,606	215	5·1	1 6	70,651	1,986 15 5
	1850	57,097	46,830	172	3·7	1 2½	16,964	415 7 2
	1851	57,624	45,214	127	2·8	1 2¾	2,493	68 4 2
	1852	58,275	40,304	110	2·7	1 2¾	1,821	51 10 8
	1853	56,224	36,322	105	2·9	1 6½	2,063	60 15 10
	1854	52,483	32,457	140	4·6	1 9¼	2,117	89 16 4
	1855	49,369	26,838	97	3·6	1 11¾	1,452	35 11 10
	1856	49,418	23,183	83	2·8	2 6½	721	37 6 1
	1857	47,865	18,928	60	6·2	2 1¾	768	33 19 –
CONNAUGHT	1849	36,147	38,062	652	9·7	1 6½	112,261	2,921 6 3
	1850	43,373	37,795	141	2·7	– 11½	18,748	251 18 2
	1851	53,964	61,168	86	2·8	– 11	120	5 1 1
	1852	50,608	24,376	51	2·1	– 11¾	74	3 7 6
	1853	42,055	18,977	38	2·2	1 –¾	32	1 11 6
	1854	37,955	10,963	26	2·4	1 6¾	61	1 17 8
	1855	35,315	8,235	17	2·1	1 9½	18	1 – 6
	1856	34,061	6,433	16	2·5	1 11¼	12	– 9 10
	1857	33,721	5,125	21	4·1	2 –	23	1 8 6
TOTAL, IRELAND	1849	209,574	197,392	1,468	7·6	1 3¾	426,655	11,170 7 5
	1850	253,191	203,620	792	3·9	1 –¾	104,650	2,159 – 3
	1851	290,748	206,468	654	6·2	1 –¼	2,719	76 14 –
	1852	288,860	168,248	407	2·4	1 1	6,170	38 6 3
	1856	252,598	138,784	327	2·4	1 1¾	3,058	89 18 6
	1854	230,603	104,604	385	6·7	1 7¾	2,198	95 11 3
	1855	214,281	85,298	277	6·2	1 10	1,523	90 17 10
	1856	205,913	72,247	199	2·8	2 –¼	836	44 15 –
	1857	199,667	55,183	173	3·1	2 –¼	911	42 18 4

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III.—RETURN of the Amount of Poor Rate Lodged, and of the Expenditure of Poor Rate in each Province in *Ireland*, during the Year ended the 29th day of September 1856, in comparison with the same for the preceding Year.

Provinces.	1	2	Expenditure during the Year ended 29 September 1856.								Former Union Account for Year ended 29 September 1856. (See Note *)		13	14	15	16	Increase or Decrease in the Poor Law Expenditure for Year ended 29 September 1856 (Col. 15), as compared with the Expenditure of preceding Year.	
	Poor Law Valuation on 29 September 1856.	Poor Rate Lodged during the Year ended 29 Sept. 1856.	3 In-Maintenance and Clothing.	4 Out-Relief.	5 Emigration Expenses.	6 Salaries and Rations of Officers.	7 All other Ordinary Expenses.	8 Total Poor Law Expenditure Cols. 3 to 7 inclusive during Year ended 29 Sept.	9 Expenses under Medical Charities Act, 14 & 15 Vict. c. 68.	10 Amount of Rate Received and Paid on account of Annuities.	11 Poor Rate Lodged to Credit of former Union Account during the Year.	12 Disbursements Charged to former Union Account during the Year.	Total Poor Rate Lodged during the Year ended 29 Sept. 1856. Cols. 2 & 11.	Total Poor Rate lodged during the preceding Year ended 29 Sept. 1855.	Total Expenditure for Poor Law Purposes during the Year ended 29 Sept. 1856. Cols. 8 & 12.	Total Expenditure for Poor Law Purposes during the preceding Year, ended 29 Sept. 1855.	17 Increase.	18 Decrease.
	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.
Ulster	3,247,738	133,400	64,732	208	129	20,000	19,129	97 857	24,566	2,267	38	10	133,409	161,117	97,360	107,000	- -	9,632
Munster	3,159,164	217 967	144,401	187	1,791	37,512	50,519	230,335	30,424	679	325	679	217 730	316,071	221,033	270,001	- -	49,183
Leinster	4,227,042	266,920	126,048	1,788	2,120	33,581	32,689	190 198	20,506	- -	15	10	266,945	286,941	190,234	253,645		57,451
Connaught	2 094 165	76,085	22,710	61	136	15,077	13,260	61 244	11260	1,491	517	387	76,600	111,374	61,328	73,988	- -	12,460
Total, Ireland	11,731,969	722,802	359,506	2,190	4,179	109,208	101,999	576,198	86,806	4,436	965	994	723,707	846,503	570 166	685,359	- -	105,099

* The boundaries of Unions having been altered in the years 1849, 1850 and 1851, separate Accounts have since been kept of the Poor-rates lodged to the credit of the former Unions, and of the payments made from time to time on account of expenditure incurred by such former Unions, which had not been previously charged in the Accounts.

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POOR RELIEF (IRELAND).

RETURNS showing, by Counties, the Total Number of Paupers (In-door and Out-door) in Receipt of Relief on the First Saturday in January 1856 and 1857, and, of the Total Number of Paupers in Receipt of Relief in the Workhouses in each Province in *Ireland* at the Close of the First Week (ending Saturday) of January 1848 to 1857, &c.

(*Mr Hornsby.*)

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